

Angels & Demons

by Dan Brown

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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About the Pre-Reading Activity

Open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade. Students preview 20 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz

Use after reading, or skip. The same words appear in excerpts from the text.

Practice words: adorn, authenticity, bastion, benevolent, bronze, chronological, clarity, conspiracy, implication (2), obelisk, obsolete, omnipotent, ornate, pagan, physics, prolific, specimen, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	B
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Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Flowers **adorned** all the tables.
 - A. decorated
 - B. obscured (hid)
 - C. grew under
2. The museum tested the letter to prove its **authenticity**.
 - A. being expensive
 - B. being genuine
 - C. being colorful
3. These rules are a **bastion** against corruption.
 - A. defensive fortification
 - B. weak spot
 - C. prime example
4. She thinks of herself as a **benevolent** dictator.
 - A. ruthless
 - B. kind
 - C. calm
5. She approached the impressive **bronze** doors.
 - A. made of a high-quality wood
 - B. notably large and appearing heavy
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
6. The art works are displayed to show technique in a way that ordinary regional or **chronological** display wouldn't permit.
 - A. by region
 - B. by artist
 - C. by date
7. The judge praised the witnesses for the **clarity** of their testimony.
 - A. briefness
 - B. courage
 - C. clearness
8. She is inclined to believe **conspiracy** theories.
 - A. unproven
 - B. scientific
 - C. secret plot
9. The new policy has widespread legal and political **implications**.
 - A. disadvantages
 - B. effects
 - C. advantages
10. The fault clearly lies with the manufacturer, but we were **implicated** in the lawsuit because our company installed their equipment.
 - A. victorious
 - B. found guilty
 - C. involved
11. The ancient Egyptians erected **obelisks** as symbols of the sun god Ra, and many of these impressive structures still stand today.
 - A. circular stone structures used for astronomical observations
 - B. stone pillars with a pyramidal tops
 - C. life-like statutes made of stone

12. That old phone is **obsolete**.
- A. outdated
 - B. classic
 - C. broken
13. His book was called **Omnipotent Government**.
- A. knowing everything
 - B. all powerful
 - C. present everywhere
14. It was the most **ornate** building I've ever seen.
- A. ancient
 - B. boring
 - C. decorated
15. The museum displayed **pagan** statues from ancient Europe.
- A. highly religious
 - B. ancient political
 - C. non-mainstream religious
16. She became interested in **physics** after building a model rocket that launched using air pressure.
- A. study of living things
 - B. science of matter and energy
 - C. study of human cultures
17. Thomas Edison was a **prolific** inventor, holding over a thousand US patents.
- A. producing abundantly
 - B. little understood
 - C. highly creative
18. The collection includes **specimens** from all over the world.
- A. insects
 - B. examples
 - C. shells
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

- 1 He stared at the **ornate** lettering in disbelief.
 - A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 2 I wasn't aware Geneva had a **physics** lab.
 - A. lacking things most people enjoy
 - B. the science of matter and energy
 - C. referring to any rocky mountains
- 3 Kohler took a sharp left and entered a wide hallway **adorned** with awards and commendations.
 - A. decorated
 - B. disagreed
 - C. postponed
- 4 "Conspiracy **buffs**," Langdon replied.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. harsh and unfair treatment
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 5 So he didn't want the religious **implications** of his discovery lost in an onslaught of commercialism?
 - A. supporters of dramatic change -- sometimes people fighting for overthrow of a government
 - B. things suggested or things that can be concluded
 - C. workplaces where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals
- 6 The Bank had been **implicated** in shady financial deals with the Masonic Lodge ...
 - A. not provided with investment funds
 - B. not interacting; or not interested
 - C. involved or accused of involvement
- 7 Building an oil rig to **yield** a single barrel of oil was a losing endeavor.
 - A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 8 Then, as he teetered on the brink of unconsciousness, Langdon heard a distant **yielding** a ripple spidering outward through the glass.
 - A. showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - B. giving in, giving up, or giving way (easily moved or soft)
 - C. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 9 Whoever killed Leonardo wanted one thing--the antimatter **specimen**.
 - A. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - B. sample
 - C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 10 There was a bewitching **clarity** in her eyesa purity in her voice.
 - A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 - B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
 - C. seen, expressed, or understood clearly; or a degree of transparency such as the quality of clear water
- 11 Langdon looked out at the towering stone **bastions** that loomed ahead--impenetrable fortifications surrounding the complex ... a strangely earthly defense for a spiritual world of secrets, power, and mystery.
 - A. defensive fortifications
 - B. things that are not obvious, but noticeable by someone with adequate sensitivity and relevant knowledge
 - C. a noticeable red (or brown) discolorations of sea water caused by excessive growth of microscopic algae
- 12 You of all people should realize the **authenticity** of--
 - A. not recognizable as different
 - B. quality of being real or true
 - C. not mirroring back (an image)

- 13 *"Your experience is **obsolete**," she fired back, equally tough.*
A. no longer in general use because it was replaced by something better
B. surprise -- often so much so that one doesn't know what to say or do
C. an appropriate size, amount, or degree in relation to something else
- 14 *I fear the **prolific** nature of your religion will make that a trying task.*
A. producing abundantly
B. sensible and careful
C. sincerity (realness)
- 15 *Most cataloging was done **chronologically**.*
A. not capable of being found
B. not in a self-aware manner
C. in order by date and time
- 16 *It got its name from the original religion practiced there--Pantheism--the worship of all gods, specifically the **pagan** gods of Mother Earth.*
A. someone who performs a detailed examination to improve understanding
B. someone or something that joins two things -- especially fruit trees
C. an offensive term for a person who follows a non-mainstream religion
- 17 *"How about **obelisks**?" he demanded.*
A. acts of officially telling someone about something; or things that contain such message
B. a stone pillar with a pyramidal top erected as a monument to remember a person or event
C. governmental systems in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws
- 18 *I don't understand this **omnipotent**-benevolent thing.*
A. not pleasing
B. all powerful
C. sticking out
- 19 *...**benevolent** and powerless to help.*
A. not thoughtful about the past
B. kind
C. not able to be disagreed with
- 20 *The bird's **deceptively** dark color was the result of Rome's pollution tarnishing the original **bronze**.*
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. a yellowish metal

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
2	B	physics	Used 22 times in this book.
3	A	adorn	Used 13 times in this book.
4	C	conspiracy	Used 12 times in this book.
5	B	implication (<i>as in: the implication is that...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	implication (<i>as in: Her implication in the crime</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	specimen	Used 27 times in this book.
10	C	clarity	Used 10 times in this book.
11	A	bastion	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	authenticity	Used 6 times in this book.
13	A	obsolete	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
14	A	prolific	Used 3 times in this book.
15	C	chronological	Used 3 times in this book.
16	C	pagan	Used 13 times in this book.
17	B	obelisk	Used 35 times in this book.
18	B	omnipotent	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
19	B	benevolent	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
20	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.